

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

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*Acknowledging and Recognizing
Health Literacy Month*

WHEREAS, October is recognized as *Health Literacy Month*, a time where organizations and individuals promote the importance of understandable health information; and

WHEREAS, Health Literacy Month is a time of international observance when hospitals, health centers, literacy programs, libraries, social service agencies, businesses, professional associations, government agencies, consumer alliances, and many other groups can work collaboratively to integrate and expand the mission of health literacy; and

WHEREAS, individuals who struggle to understand their health are more likely to have chronic conditions and are less able to manage them effectively; and

WHEREAS, the goal of health education is to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to lead healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, with the rising costs of health care, understanding health information is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body will continue to acknowledge all health organizations during our nation's hour of need by providing reinforcement of attentiveness and support amongst all health literacy coalitions, organizations, agencies, and literacy programs; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature sincerely appreciates the unbelievable compassion and care displayed in the local health community to improve health literacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body thanks and extends our sincere and heart-felt appreciation and blessings in recognition of all healthcare administrators and professionals during *Health Literacy Month*; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby recognize and extend our love, prayers and support to all healthcare organizations as they continue to combat the COVID-19 pandemic while saving lives and supporting families worldwide.

Hon. Howard J. Johnson Jr.
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

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